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Form 8-K  
March 16, 2005

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report: (Date of earliest event reported) March 16, 2005

OLD REPUBLIC INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware  | 001-10607                   | 36-2678171                              |
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| (State or other jurisdiction<br>of incorporation) | (Commission<br>File Number) | (I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.) |

307 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60601

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(312) 346-8100

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the Registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2 below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 140.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 8.01. Other Events

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On March 16, 2005, Old Republic International Corporation announced that it has filed a Form 12b-25 with the Securities and Exchange Commission for an extension of time within which to file its Form 10-K Annual Report. It also announced the filing of its preliminary Form 10-K, which is complete except as to the Report of the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm in Item 8, management's report on internal control over financial reporting and its evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures in Item 9A, and certain exhibits. The filing extension was necessary in order to enable management and the public accounting firm time to complete their reviews and assessments of the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

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(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated March 16, 2005.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

OLD REPUBLIC INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION  
Registrant

Date: March 16, 2005

By: /s/ A.C. Zucaro

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A.C. Zucaro  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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